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Legorn, Jan. 6.

WE have advice that Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyter* is at *Melazzo*, strong 31 Sail, besides six *Spaniards*; and that he hath taken on the Coast of *Sicily*, a French Man of War mounted with 40 Guns, called the *Mermaid*, and two other ships laden with provisions. We have no certain advice concerning the French Fleet going to *Messina*.

Naples, Decemb. 31: The Marquis *de Bayonne*, who hath been some time a Prisoner, on account of some miscarriages in the Government of this Kingdom, is now restored to his Liberty by order from *Spain*, and is to execute the Command of General of the Gallies of this Kingdom, as formerly. We are told of a discovery of a Plot at *Melazzo*, for the delivering that place up to the French, which was to have been put in execution the 26 Instant.

Vienna, Jan. 10. General *Montecuculi* is expected here in two dayes at farthest. The Marquis of *Baden Dourlach*, General of the Empire, is still here, and expects his arrival. We are told that the King of *Spain* has appointed the Marquis *de los Balbaçes* at present his Ambassador in this Court, to be the Head of the Embassy at *Nimeguen*; and that the Emperors Ambassadors will not part hence till towards the month of *March*. The Magistrates of the City of *Strasburgh* have of late in frequent occasions represented to his Imperial Majesty the great preparations of the French in *Alsacia*, and the Reasons they have to be particularly concerned at them.

Francfort, Jan. 12. We are at present very quiet in these parts, were it not that the differences which are going to be revived between the Elector Palatine and the Elector of *Mayence*, about the Baillage of *Bochelheim*, seem to threaten some new disturbances; his Electoral Highness Palatine has, as we are told, put some Troops in several places, which are dependances of *Bochelheim*; and the Elector of *Mayence* believing his Electoral Highness Palatines design was to remove by force the Garison he had there, commanded all his Militia to repair to *Mayence*, in order to the opposing any such attempt; but hitherto nothing farther is passed in the matter, and it is hoped the Emperor will compose it before it goes farther. The great preparations of the French, put those that are their Neighbors into great fears, and particularly the City of *Strasburgh*, which seems not without cause to apprehend the French design at least to destroy their Bridge.

Strasburgh, Jan. 17. It is a sad Spectacle to see how most of the Villages in this Countrey are quite abandoned by the Inhabitants, who not being able to endure the continual vexations of the Soldiers, are forced to seek places of refuge elsewhere. We understand as well by Letters as Passengers arrived from *Sarbrugge*, that the French having drawn 3000 Men together out of *Metz*, and other places, they begun their march the 9th instant, under the command of the Marquis *de Choiseul*; the 10th they lodged at *Sarbrugge*, and from thence they continued their march towards *Deux Ponts*; that the

12th they passed the River *Bles*, having repaired the Bri'ge that had been purposely broken down, and being come before that City, after some resistance from the Burghers and the Soldiers that were in Garison there, had possessed themselves of it, as likewise of *Lichtensteyn*, in the name of the King of *Sueden*.

Cologne, Jan. 17. The 15 instant, the Marquis *de Grana* returned to *Bon* from *Munster*, where he had been to confer with the Bishop of that name, as likewise with the Bishop of *Osnabrugh*, about matters relating to the next Campaign. Our Elector has dispatched an Express to the Emperor, to represent the surprizal of the City of *Dorsten*, situate on the River *Lippe*, by the Troops of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*. Our Magistrates are not without their fears, that the French have an eye upon this City, and therefore they have resolved to raise several new Companies for the strengthening the Garison. The Marquis *de Grana*, we hear, has offered them some Imperial Troops, but they have not as yet accepted them. The Dutch Troops, under the command of Colonel *Weede*, designed for the assistance of the Elector of *Treves*, are arrived at *Coblentz*. From *Metz* they write, That the Marechal *de Rochefort* having taken a review of the Troops that were quartered at *Stenay*, *Sedan*, and other places, and having drawn out such as he had occasion for, he marched with them to *Metz*, from whence he likewise drew most of the Cavalry and Dragoons with 600 Foot, and two pieces of Cannon, and on the 8th instant marched with the said Troop towards *Fauquemont* in *Lorraine*, with design, as is said, to go and take possession of the Dutchy of *Deux Ponts*, in the name of the King of *Sueden*.

Metz, Jan. 19. We are in expectation of a Courier from *Vienna*, about the business of *Rochebeis*, which at present occasions some difference between our Elector and the Elector Palatine. We have advice that the French have possessed themselves of *Deux Ponts*, in the name of the King of *Sueden*.

Coblentz, Jan. 19. The Dutch Regiments commanded by Colonel *Weede*, arrived here the 15 instant, and after having refreshed here some dayes, they marched again yesterday towards *Treves*, where they are to remain in Garison. The *Lunenburgh* Troops, and the Regiment of *Broats*, which are quartered in the Countrey of *Nassau* and *Wetteravia*, have, it's said, orders to march towards the Diocess of *Cologne*, and that they are already on their march.

Straelsont, Jan. 11. Count *Coningsmark* is gone to *Stetin*, where he will remain; for it's said the Elector of *Brandenburgh* draws his Forces together, with design to attack that place with the first hard Frost. We expect here very considerable Succors from *Sueden* against Spring, and in the mean time we are told the King of *Sueden* is gone towards *Gottenburgh*, with a resolution to give the *Danes* a diversion on that side; and perhaps if the weather favor, his Majesty may visit them in *Zeland*.

Hamburgh, Jan. 17. In our last we told you, that the *Suedes* had again besieged *Wolgast*; but the Letters we received by the last Ordinary from *Rostock* and *Wolgast*,
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told us, That the *Brandenburghs* had made one or two very brisk Sallies, which had very much discouraged the Besiegers; who having besides received information that several *Brandenburgh* Troops were on their march to the relief of the place, broke up, and returned to *Stralsowd*, where the Constable *Wrangel* is said to be very ill; so far, that his recovery is almost despair'd of.

Brussels, Jan. 21. The great and forward preparations of the *French* for the next Campaign, makes our Governor omit nothing to hasten those that are making in these Countries, and therefore the Officers who are employed in the *Recruits* and new Levies, and at first had time given them till the end of *April*, are now peremptorily commanded to have their Companies compleat by the end of *March*. The Officers of the several Garrisons are likewise ordered to repair forthwith to their respective Commands, to watch all the motions of the Enemy. Two dayes since arrived the *Spanish* Ordinary, the Letters we received did not confirm what we had before of *Don Juan's* coming to Court, and of the *Queens* retirement from the Government. From *Germany* they write, That the differences between the *Electo*r Palatine and the *Electo*r of *Mayence* continues to that degree, that it's feared it may at last brake out into open Hostility, unless prevented by the Emperors interposition. The *French* Ambassadors are still at *Charleville*, expecting the Passport from *Holland*.

Vitro. His Excellency has commanded several Troops of Horse and Dragoons to march towards *Dendermond*, for the security of the Countrey of *Waes*, upon which it is feared the *French* will make some attempt with the first Frost; and it is said that the States of *Flanders* have resolv'd to form a Body of 3000 Men, by way of a standing Militia, for the farther security of the said Countrey. The Roads hereabouts are at present so infested with Parties, and even with the Boors, who rob all Passengers they are too strong for, that there is hardly any Travelling but in great Companies. From *Vienna* they write, That the Emperess continues very ill. The Letters arriv'd this morning from *Liege*; complain very much of the ill usage they receive from the *Hollanders*, who demand Contributions even from the City of *Liege*; and upon its refusing to pay, they make Prisoners all they meet with-going in or coming out of the place. From *Strasburgh* of the 13, we have the confirmation of the great preparations of the *French* in *Alsatia*, where they are not only fortifying *Schlestadt*, but are making a Line of Communication between that place and *Kastenholtz*, near the Mountains. They are likewise plaining a broad way through the Forest of *Bruhmut* between *Strasburgh* and *Haguenaw*, for the march of an Army, and its Artillery. We cannot certainly learn whether *Wolgast* be surrendered to the *Svedes*, the Advices being very different; but we are assured that *Cavelstadt* is surrendered to the *Confederates*.

Hague, Jan. 24. The 20th instant parted hence the Heer *Van Beverning*, and the Heer *Van Hairen*, Ambassadors and Plenipotentiaries of this State, for *Nimeguen*, the Heer *Odyke* will likewise in 14 dayes or three weeks begin his journey thither with the same character. The same day arriv'd here Mr. *Skelton*, Envoy Extraordinary from His Majesty of *Great Britain*, and yesterday he continued his journey to *Vienna*, where we are told he is to negotiate some matters relating to the Prince of *Furstemberg*, and the advancement of a General Peace. Yesterday the Sieur *Clingenberg*, Ambassador from the King of *Denmark*, took his leave of the States in a Publick Audience, to which he was Conduct-

ed with the usual Ceremonies. The States of *Holland* are finally separated, though it is said they have not as yet resolv'd concerning the raising the whole Sum of Monies demanded for the defraying the Charges of the next Campaign. We are told that the Bishop of *Osna-brugh* has been for some dayes private here in Town. The Deputies of the Admiralty have orders to equip forthwith twelve Men of War, which it's said are to be employ'd in the Mediterranean, though others say in the *Baltique*.

The Persons appointed to Preach before His Majesty this ensuing LENT, are as followeth,

February

- 9 *Wednesday*, Dean of the Chappel.
- 11 *Friday*, Dean of *St. Pauls*.
- 13 *Sunday*, Bishop of *Chester*,
- 16 *Wednesday*, Dr. *Ball*.
- 18 *Friday*, Dean of *Salisbury*.
- 20 *Sunday*, Bishop of *Ely*,
- 23 *Wednesday*, Dr. *Smyth* of *Christs Church*.
- 25 *Friday*, Dean of *Winchester*.
- 27 *Sunday*, Bishop of *Gloucester*.

March

- 1 *Wednesday*, Dr. *Megott*.
- 3 *Friday*, Dean of *Rochester*.
- 5 *Sunday*, Bishop of *Chichester*.
- 8 *Wednesday*, Dr. *Littleton*.
- 10 *Friday*, Dean of *Gloucester*.
- 12 *Sunday*, Bishop of *Worcester*.
- 15 *Wednesday*, Dr. *James*.
- 17 *Friday*, Dean of *Norwich*.
- 19 *Palm-Sunday*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, or Bishop of *Landaff*.
- 22 *Wednesday*, Dr. *Ironside*.
- 24 *Good-Friday*, Dean of *Westm.* or one for him.
- 26 *Easter-day*, Lord Almoner.

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Whitehall, Jan. 19. His Majesty considering the very good Services of *Richard Bulstrode* Esq; as His Agent with the Governor of the *Spanish* *Netherlands*, has been pleas'd to appoint him His Resident in that Court; and as a farther Mark of His Favor, this day to Confer the Honour of Knighthood upon him.

Advertisements.

It is desired by Mr. *Thomas Merry* the younger, of *Gosball* in *Leicestershire*, That his Father for himself and his Grandchildren; That his Brother *Edward* and Sister *Judith*; And that his Fathers Creditors would be pleas'd to come or send Persons fully instructed and empower'd, to Mr. *Goddenough* at his Chamber by the *Temple* Church, on the 14th day of *February* next, who will then jointly treat with them for the satisfaction of all their debts and just demands.

Stolen the 12th instant, from *Richard Goddard* Esq; of *Clatford* near *Marlborough*, in the County of *Wilts*, a black Nag, almost six years old, somewhat above 14 hands, having a shorn Mane, a white Spot in the Neck near the Crest, some red Hair on the near Shoulder nigh his Breast, having had the Fashions in his near Leg before, and goes a little lame. If any one can give notice of him to Mr. *Robert Fowl*, a Jeweller at the *Queens-head* at *Fleet-bridge*, *London*, or to the said Mr. *Richard Goddard* at *Clatford* aforesaid, shall have 50 s. Reward.